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DEPARTMENT FOR "A" AND WHITE HOUSE FOR RUSTAND/HENKEL

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SUBJ: PRESS ARRANGEMENTS FOR PRESIDENTIAL VISIT

REF: A) MOSCOW 16575; B) MOSCOW 16754

1. MFA PRESS SECTION OFFICIALS CALLED IN COUNSELOR FOR PRESS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND PRESS ATTACHE NOV. 4 TO STATE THAT PRESS FOR VLADIVOSTOK SUMMIT LIMITED TO 40 FOR EACH SIDE, INCLUDING THOSE TRAVELLING WITH PRESIDENTIAL PARTY AND ANY ACCREDITED FROM MOSCOW OR OTHER POINTS. EMBOFFS NOTED THAT AMBASSADOR GIVEN FIGURE OF 60 BY KORNIYENKO OCT. 30 (REFTEL A) AND PRESSED FOR HIGHEST POSSIBLE TOTAL BUT FIRST DEPUTY KRYLOV INSISTED THAT 40 WAS OFFICIAL FIGURE AND FIRST ONE GIVEN AS FAR AS THEY WERE CONCERNED. HE ASKED THAT WHITE HOUSE BE INFORMED ASAP, STRESSING THAT FIGURE WAS DICTATED BY PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS AT SITE.

2. BOTH KRYLOV, AND PRESS SECTION CHIEF SOFINSKY IN FOLLOWUP MEETING, REQUESTED THAT U.S. LIMIT PRESS TO AMERICANS SO THAT SOVIET SIDE COULD ALSO EXCLUDE THIRD-COUNTRY, E.G. EAST EUROPEAN, REPRESENTQIVES

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THUS SAVING VALUABLE SPACE. ADVISE.

3. KRYLOV REQUESTED THAT FINAL LIST OF ACCREDITED PRESS BE GIVEN THEM WITH PASSPORT-SIZE PHOTOS AS FAR IN ADVANCE AS POSSIBLE, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF STRIDENT CLOSED ZONE REQUIREMENTS.

4. PRESS SECTION ASKED FURTHER THAT PRESS PLANE ARRIVE AT LEAST 90 MINUTES OR TWO HOURS AHEAD OF PRESIDENT WITH ALL PASSPORTS HANDLED BY ONE PRE-INDICATED REPRESENTATIVE.

5. EMBOFFS ASKED THAT ALL PRESS CENTER AND WHITE HOUSE PRESS SUPPORT QUARTERS BE PROVIDED FREE OF CHARGE. KRYLOV IN SUBSEQUENT TELECON CONFIRMED THIS WOULD BE CASE. ASKED ABOUT ROOM CHARGES FOR PRESS, HE ASSUMED THIS WOULD BE INTOURIST QUESTION. ADVISE.

6. PRESS SECTION OFFICERS INDICATED THEY WOULD LOOK INTO AMERICAN DIVISION POSITION LIMITING EMBASSY TO FIVE OFFICERS ON PRE-ADVANCE TEAM SO THAT PRESS ATTACHE MIGHT BE INCLUDED AS SIXTH MEMBER. BOTH KRYLOV AND COUNSELOR PANOV FLYING TO VLADIVOSTOK NOV. 9 WITH AT LEAST PANOV PLANNING TO STAY THROUGH VISIT, AND KRYLOV PROBABLY COMING BACK TO MOSCOW ONLY TO RETURN TO SITE BEFORE SUMMIT.

7. COMMENT: INDICATION THAT ONE MEMBER OF PRESS SECTION PLANNING TO STAY THROUGH VISIT (I.E. WITH ADVANCE PARTY AT SITE) CONFLICTS WITH STATEMENT MADE TO US BY CHERNYSHEV (REFTEL B) THAT NO PLANS BEING MADE FOR EITHER SOVIET OR U.S. ADVANCE PARTIES TO REMAIN ON SITE AFTER DEPARTURE OF PRE-ADVANCE GROUP. THIS MAY INDICATE THAT SOVIET POSITION ON THIS MATTER NOT YET FIRM.
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